

Application of: Jerry L. Brown, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/708,026  
Amendment B

**REMARKS**

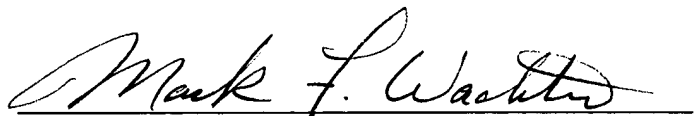
The claims pending in the application are claims 1-27. Claims 1-24 have been allowed. Claims 25-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or alternatively 35 U.S.C. 103.

Applicants have cancelled claims 25-27, without prejudice to being presented in a continuation application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that since the remaining claims 1-24 have been allowed the application is in condition for passage to issuance of letters patent.

If any issue regarding the present application should remain or if the Examiner should have any questions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner kindly telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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